8. AL-AZIZ
(THE MIGHTY)

"True might belongs to Allah alone. Whoever seeks might through other than Him, Allah will humiliate him. And whoever seeks humility for Allah's sake, Allah will raise him in honor."

- Sufyan al-Thawri (716-778 CE)
Source: Ibn al-Jawzi's
"Sifat al-Safwa"

Allah Ta'ala will grant honor and self sufficiency to the one who recites this Beautiful Name of Allah 40 times for 40 days. If read 41 times daily, the reader will become self-sufficient and attain honor if he is disgraced - Al Hisnul Hasin

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AL-AZEEZ ﷻ (THE OVERPOWERING ﷻ)

Azeez can be derived from one of the following words:

a.) Azeez refers to something matchless and unique. When something is scarce, the Arabs say,

عز الطعام في البلد

Food is scarce in the city.

So when the creation is referred to as azeez when they are scarce, then Allaah ﷻ is most worthy of being referred to as Azeez, as there is nothing similar to Him.

b.) Azeez means dominant and overpowering. Arabs say,

من عز بز اي من غلب سلب

Whoever dominates, will gain the booty.

When a weak human overpowers his opponent, he is called azeez. Allaah ﷻ can never be overpowered. He is more worthy of being referred to as Azeez. Ibn Jareer ﷺ says,

اَلشَّدِيْدُ فِي انْتِقَامه مِمَّنِ انْتَقَمَ مِنْ أَعْدَائه مِمَّنْ أَرَادَ الإِنْتِقَامَ مِنهُ لَا يَقْدِرُ أَحَدٌ يَدْفَعه عَنه

Al-Azeez ﷻ is that Being who is severe in punishing His enemies. When He ﷻ intends to punish someone, there is no power which can ward it off.

c.) Azeez refers to a Being with great power. Al-Azeez ﷻ is that Being for whom every type of greatness is found. He ﷻ possesses strength as well as domination. All occurrences are within His ﷻ choice. It is not possible for any of the creation to achieve any of His ﷻ qualities. He ﷻ dominates over all things in existence. In the face of His grandeur, all creation are completely helpless and powerless.

Imaam Qurtubi ﷺ says, "Al-Azeez ﷻ is that Being whose power, strength, domination and subjugation encompasses every single thing in such a way that nothing can make Him helpless, nor can anything defeat Him. Nothing lies out of the framework of His strength and

power. None can escape from His grip, nor can anyone overpower Him ﷻ."

d.) Azeez refers to the Being who grants honour. All honour belongs solely to Him ﷻ.

Allaamah Teebee ؒ has stated, "Al-Azeez ﷻ is that Being, who after diving into the oceans of His ﷻ greatness, intellects are dumbfounded; brains are astounded in attempting to comprehend His attributes, tongues become exhausted in attempting to extol His ﷻ splendour and grandeur."

Imam Ghazaali ؒ has stated, ""Azeez is a great being whose like is minimal, all are in need of him, and reaching him is difficult." Whoever does not possess all of these three qualities cannot be referred to as Al-Azeez." There are many things whose existence is minimal, but are not great and very little benefit is derived there-from. Then there are many whose status is great and whose benefit is abundant, and no equal is found, but if it is not difficult to reach them, they cannot be called Azeez. An example of this is the sun and earth. They have no equal, and there is great benefit in both and all are in need of them. However they cannot be called Azeez as it is not difficult to see them.

Then in each of these three qualities, there is excellence and deficiency. Perfection in minimal is when there is none else, and something similar is impossible to be found. This is only for Allaah ﷻ. Even though the sun is one, there is a possibility of another one or even better being created. The extreme level of need is when everything is in need of one in every aspect, even in one's existence, qualities and permanence. This too is solely found in the Being of Allaah ﷻ. The perfection of the difficulty in reaching him is that reaching Him is impossible, which means that His reality can never be comprehended. None can recognize Allaah ﷻ but Allaah ﷻ. So He ﷻ is the only Being who is Al-Azeez in reality.